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Extra copies of The New-Yorker, containing the entire Bankrupt Law, may be had at the office of The Tribune, No. 39 Ann-st. Price 60 cents.

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For a chapter of Barnaby Rudge, never before published in any newspaper in this country, see Last Page.

THE DEMOCRATIC REVIEW.—From the first announcement of this work as forthcoming, we have done all in our power to extend its circulation and to render it permanent and profitable. Firmly persuaded that our attachment to Democratic principles is not less ardent and far more consistent than that of the conductors of this Magazine, but never hoping or expecting to agree with them generally in regard either to measures or men, we have not doubted that the publication of an able and spirited monthly, devoted even nominally to the inculcation of Democratic doctrines, would eventually be productive of substantial good. Hypocrisy is said to be 'the homage which Vice pays to Virtue'; but we need not suppose that because the tree is hollow it is necessarily fruitless. Many a powerful man promotes a good cause which he embraces only to subserve his own personal ends. And while we are profoundly convinced that few men in our Country possess less of the spirit of Democracy than the Van Burens, Calhouns, Bentons, Blairs, Crosswells, and other leaders of the host so tenacious of monopolizing the name, we have little doubt that their professions, empty though they be, have an important influence in accelerating the onward movement of Society to a condition of greater Intelligence, Equality, Virtue and Happiness. The clamor for Democracy which on the part of the demagogues who create it may be but 'sounding brass,' and contradicted by every act of their lives, yet strikes deep into the hearts of an earnest multitude, and will ultimately lead them to demand realities where only words were proffered or intended. Again we say, we rejoice in the establishment of the Democratic Review.

It is not a matter of surprise, however it may be of regret, that on every great question of the day the 'Democratic' takes ground in direct opposition to the cause of National and Social Progress. This deplorable error seems to be inherent—Constitutional. A chilling negation—a universal Calhounism pervades it. Its motto—'The best Government is that which governs least'—is one whose absurdity the Abbot of Unreason must envy. Just think of it. What a stupendous, a fatal mistake our revered fathers must have made in forming and adopting our Federal Constitution! What palpable mistakes have since been committed by the Free States in establishing, fostering and endowing our Common Schools! They ought to have 'governed least,' to please the Democratic Review, and let the children of ignorance and vice grow up ignorant and vicious in sad succession for ever! And so of roads, bridges, and all those common conveniences which make up the advantages and comforts of civilized life. All these should have been left to individual enterprise or caprice. In fact, it must be a great mistake to send missionaries and agents to the West, to persuade the savages to adopt our habits and institutions. We ought rather to solicit their sages to come and teach us how to 'govern least,' and to rest satisfied with such government.

Yet this preposterous motto is the key to the entire Political Economy of the Review. It is, of course, hostile to the Promotion of American Industry, against foreign policy, and imposition by means of discriminating duties; hostile, though not vociferously so, to the prosecution of Internal Improvement by State enterprise and credit; and hostile to any restorative action of Congress upon the Currency of the Country. 'Let us alone,' 'Trade will regulate itself,' 'the Exchanges will come right if only let alone,' are repeated from month to month on its pages, as if they were important novelties in Political Science, instead of long-explored fallacies, to which the history of the last five years furnishes a new and most emphatic refutation. Yet still the writers go on repeating them, as though belief were to be secured by perseveringly cramming them down the general throat, regardless of opposing truth. On no single point is the spirit of the Review, constructive, creative, hopeful of the future. A savage and jealous individual independence, regardless of social and general well-being, seems to be the ideal, the ultimate destiny of our glorious Country.

The persons selected for pictorial immortality in the 'Democratic' have thus far been nearly all Federalists of the deepest and most inveterate dye: Charles J. Ingersoll, Gerrit D. Wall, Theodore Sedgwick, Chief Justice Taney (if we mistake not,) Harry Hubbard, and now Francis Thomas, who, we have understood, is of the same school. This is very right; and we trust Aaron Vanderpool, James Buchanan, Rufus Williams, &c., will soon grace the list. We, certainly, do not esteem any man the less for differing from us in some bygone controversy; and it will teach the readers of the Review toleration to know that the veriest magnates of their faith, long and earnestly fought in the ranks of that party which they have been taught to regard as the focus of aristocracy, monopoly and treason.

In its literary department, the Review is always respectable, often decidedly able, as it could hardly fail to be when such men as Bryant, Hawthorne, Herbert, and such women as Mrs. Sedgwick, Mrs. Sigourney, &c., are regular contributors to its pages.

The number for September has a very unfair article entitled 'Whig Bankers on a National Bank,' and one of exceedingly loose morals on the 'Letters of Madame du Defland to Walpole and Voltaire'; the others are generally unexceptionable and many of them highly instructive and interesting. We trust the enterprising publishers, Messrs. J. & H. G. Langley, are reaping a fair reward for their enterprise.

THE LOAN STOCK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.—On Sept. 1, 1841, was promptly paid yesterday. This is highly creditable to the financial condition of this city which has paid off a few per cent stock, at par, when the best state five per cent securities are ranging at 15 per cent. below par. This affords a fine example for those States which have defaulted in the regular payment of their interest or which talk of repudiating their indebtedness.

In our advertising columns will be found a letter addressed to Mr. M. Lewis, a Merchant in Canal-street, who has thought it inexpedient to fall in with the general arrangement and close his store at 8 o'clock. The letter, although signed 'The Dry Goods Clerks,' is so unworthy its pretended source and its spirit so foreign to that which animated them throughout their struggle for liberation, that we believe it no more entitled to credit than if it were a barefaced forgery. If written by a Clerk at all, it certainly could never have received the approbation of any considerable number: as to its speaking the general feeling of the great body, the very suggestion is absurd. If Mr. Lewis does not choose to grant his Clerks the privileges enjoyed by others, we feel confident no improper measures of coercion will be employed, as they would only injure the cause they were intended to serve.

Daniel Hamer, a Police officer in Baltimore, has been arrested and held to trial on a charge of having accepted a bribe from a prisoner he was conveying to jail.

THE EMANCIPATED CLERKS.—We urged strenuously the adoption of the measure which has just passed into operation for the benefit of the great body of Merchants' Clerks in our city—the closing of the stores at 8 o'clock instead of 10 in the evening; and we were highly gratified at the promptness with which this change was made by the employers generally. We were chiefly influenced in our course by the consideration that under the old system the time of the Clerks was so incessantly occupied as to deprive them entirely of that leisure for mental, moral and social improvement which should be enjoyed by every one just entering upon the duties and responsibilities of active life. No young man should voluntarily surrender his whole time to any demand of business; the discipline and instruction he is receiving are not merely for the one pursuit in which he may at present be engaged; his object, his duty is to prepare for a life of useful, intelligent, honorable industry, to enlarge his sphere of knowledge by various reading, to discipline his mind by study, to cultivate the generous impulses of his nature and develop, in every good and virtuous way, the best affections of his heart, and thus be ready when his time shall come to speak, to think and act as a Man in a world where knowledge, virtue and high endurance are essential to success. We ardently hope that now, when the opportunity has been gained, the object will not be forgotten. The Clerks who have been generously released from toil for so large a portion of their time owe it to their employers, no less than to themselves to improve this leisure as duty and interest alike dictate. If books, lectures, literary and scientific studies or virtuous, high-minded, intelligent friends be made their companions during these hours, they will be invaluable; but if the theatre, the ball, the gay-saloon or any of the haunts of gilded vice become places of frequent resort, the change will have been most disastrous to all concern—to the Clerks themselves no less than to their employers and Society at large.

We make these remarks, which are important in every light in which they may be viewed, with more especial reference to the advertisement of the NEW-YORK LITERARY, in another column. The institution is in every respect most admirably adapted to the wants and requirements of the emancipated clerks of our city. It was organized expressly for the benefit of those who, with every desire, have not the means to make use of the highest and best literary advantages. An excellent Library has been collected, which is fast increasing in numbers and consequent utility. A commodious and well furnished Reading-Room has been fitted up, and arrangements have been made to render its advantages in nowise inferior to those of similar institutions in the city. Its members have easy admission to the series of Lectures delivered every season by the ripest scholars, the closest thinkers and the most eloquent and accomplished men in the country. The names of Adams, Bancroft, Hill, Barnard, Eames, Dana, Longfellow, Frothingham, and many other such men, who have at different times brought to the service of the Lyceum their ripest efforts, are sufficient to commend earnestly and at once the Lectures to general attention. The privileges of the institution, from the remarkably low rate of admission to membership, are accessible to almost every clerk in the city; and for their own good, no less than for the welfare of the Society, we trust thousands will avail themselves of the rare opportunity which it offers for Intellectual and Moral Culture.

MERCHANTS' TEMPERANCE MEETING.—A Meeting for the organization of a Merchants' Temperance Society was held last evening at Clinton Hall. Mr. Nathaniel Wood was chosen President, F. Winston and A. G. Valentine, Vice Presidents, and R. H. McCurdy and W. M. Lathrop, Secretaries. A Committee appointed for that purpose, composed of Messrs. G. P. Disoway, Thomas Denny and M. Wilbur, reported a draft for a Constitution, which was unanimously adopted by the Society. A series of resolutions was introduced, pertinently and eloquently debated and passed, and a very goodly number of names was enrolled of those who thereby became members of the infant Society. The Meeting was well attended, a spirit of ardent enthusiasm in the good cause of Temperance was evinced, and an impulse was given to it which we trust will receive no check until the noble objects proposed shall have been fully accomplished. The Meeting adjourned to meet at the same place next Wednesday evening.

The following is the remainder of the letter from Washington, part of which we published under our Postscript head on Saturday morning; it is dated on Thursday, August 26—

"It is said, though on what authority I know not, that one of the Massachusetts Senators will vote against the Bank bill. It requires but one or two changes more, at most, to prevent its passage through the Senate. And is not its failure, under all the circumstances, a thing not very deeply to be deplored? I say this as a patriot as well as a politician. Its passage, and consequent veto, will be fatal to the integrity of the Whig party, while its passage and approval must fill in the great end to be accomplished—the restoration of a sound currency. Is it not so?"

"Mr. Cushing remarked in the House to-day, that Mr. Tyler was so treacherous to the Whigs as were some of the Whigs to him and to themselves. How many statesmen in New-England would be likely to be invited to make a seat in the new Cabinet in the event of the dissolution of the present? Is there one? If so, who is he?"

"The two Houses will not adjourn probably till the end of next week, if at all early a day. In haste yours, W."

"P. S.—When Mr. Benton's speech on the Distribution Bill is published, I wish you would see what he says about the new States bidding defiance to the General Government, and being absolved from the compact upon which they entered the Union. If I understand him aright, he went a step beyond the Colleton school of Nullifiers of 1832. I am sure I saw Mr. Calhoun turn his head like one rather amazed, who is anxious to take in every word."

COTTON AT THE SOUTH.—The Vicksburg Sentinel learns 'from all sections of the State of Mississippi that the drought has severely injured the Cotton and Corn. Six weeks ago the prospects for the planter were most flattering; now they are gloomy in the extreme. The stalk is exceedingly short, and the squares are falling off. Many of the best planters will not make one half a crop.'

A writer in the Star complains of the efforts that are made to impress the North with the belief that Cotton is poor this year. He says:

"Passing through the river Counties of Ga. to Montgomery, thence to Macon, Madison, and Augusta, the whole of which is a Cotton country, along the whole route the crops of Cotton and Corn are immense, and in the best possible condition. No contingency can arise, in my opinion, from this time forward, except an unusually early frost, to prevent a crop equal in quantity to those of '39, '40. It may be that the worms will cause some falling off should they commence their ravages; but the period of danger from this cause is now nearly past, and any reports of injury from this source should be received with the utmost caution. Drought cannot now affect it."

Messrs. Cunard of Halifax, the proprietors of the British North American steamers have contracted to supply the West India steamers with coal. Mr. S. Cunard is the agent for the extensive mines at Sydney, Cape Breton. Messrs. D. & E. Starr's premises at Richmond, about two miles from Halifax, have been selected as the depot for the West India line. It is expected the arrangement will go into operation in November next. Mr. McQueen, the agent, having completed the arrangement, left Halifax for Liverpool in the Acadia. [Com. Adv.]

AMERICAN INSTITUTE.—The Library of this Society, one of the most valuable of our city associations, are happy to learn is steadily and somewhat rapidly increasing in the number of its volumes. It comprises already about 5000 works all of them valuable for the sound, useful information they contain. The Corresponding Committee have published a circular inviting contributions, and alluding to the general character of the Institute. We commend the following paragraph to general attention:

Publishers or authors of books, pamphlets, periodicals, and of almost every literary and scientific production, will find it greatly to their advantage, at the same they confer a public favor, by placing a copy of each of their publications in the Library of the Institute, as the committee will take special care to give them not only notice, but by their conspicuous arrangement, under the head of 'New Publications,' to the numerous members and visitors of the Institute, and by their display at the public Fair, which has been a single celebration the resort of 150,000 persons! This, it is apparent, will give them far greater publicity than it is possible for any one, or many combined newspaper publications.

FROM TEXAS.—The steamship Savannah from Texas arrived at New-Orleans on the 21st. The papers were filled with electrifying articles. Nothing farther had been heard from the Santa Fe expedition. Messrs. Kinney and Aubrey, who had been arrested and carried to Austin, charged with having procured the capture of Capt. Devitt by the Mexicans, after being examined, were honorably acquitted. The blame is now laid entirely to the Mexicans, and in the absence of the President, the Secretary of War has issued orders for reprisals, for calling out volunteers, and for assembling such force as may be necessary for the expulsion of the enemy. He says that the war may be regarded as fairly opened by this late outrage of the Mexican forces.

LAW IN TEXAS.—They have some curious law proceedings in this new Republic. In one of the Counties, it seems that a man named McHenry was elected Judge, after a close contest. One of his opponents was arraigned for murder. His friends assembled to effect his rescue. Judge Hansford left the Bench, when the Jury elected a Foreman, who took the Judge's place and the trial went on. The prisoner was finally acquitted, and forthwith discharged. He immediately, with his friends, arrested Judge McHenry for negro stealing, and had him put in jail at Nachtloch.

The President has officially recognized Auguste Branda Vice Consul of Belgium for the port of Norfolk, Va.

City Intelligence.

Reported for the New-York Tribune.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—This Board formed a quorum and the Board of Assistants came into the Aldermen's Chamber, the two Boards were in session until 10 o'clock.

The monthly return of the Chief Engineer of Resignations and appointments was received, approved and ordered filed. The expulsions were referred to the Fire and Water Committee.

Alderman Halliwell moved for the City Marshal and City Clerk to attend the Commissioners of Registry, naming the individuals, who were accordingly appointed.

Moses Bush was removed as Street Inspector of the 13th Ward. Thomas Baker was appointed Police officer of the 5th Ward in place of Charles W. Watts, removed out of the city. Adj.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.—Wednesday, September 1, 1841.—In the absence of the President, Mr. Dodge was appointed Chairman pro tem.

A letter was received, and read, from the President, stating that he was indisposed, and unable to attend the meeting of this Board.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Petitions presented and referred.—Of Joshua Ford, to regulate the 23d street between 3d and 4th Avenues, Of Peter Brown, for relief from tax, Of Ebenezer A. Gray and others, for a sewer from the Bowery, between 12th and 13th streets, to the 3d Avenue.

A communication was received from Mr. Martine, President of the Board of Trustees of Williamsburg College, in regard to the proposed sale of the Ferry from Rock Slip to Williamsburg, asserting the superior claim of the New-York and Williamsburg Union Ferry Association to the lease of the Ferry for the reasons that they intend to provide good and substantial boats and superior accommodations, and that the ferry, which they claim, is the only one now in operation, and that they are more solicitous of making money for themselves than to serve the public. Referred.

Some 25 citizens in the vicinity of Rock Slip, in favor of the Rock Slip Ferry, of 200 citizens of the 7th and 9th wards of Brooklyn in favor of the same; of 200 citizens of Newtown, Long Island, in favor of the same, and of the New-York and Williamsburg Union Ferry Company having said, Of J. S. J. & Co. for the removal of the heap of refuse at the foot of Roosevelt street, Of sundry persons for the removal of the refuse at the foot of the Mayor and Cherry street, &c. Referred. In regard to paying tax on alms of some of the South-street, from Pike to Roger's Slip.—Referred.

Adjourned to the 15th inst.

POLICE OFFICE.—An assault with intent to kill.—On Tuesday afternoon Patrick Collins of No. 369 Madison street, went to the residence of Gerard Benson, colored man, of No. 341 Madison street and said, 'You are the man that killed my dog,' presented a large pistol loaded with powder and ball, and fired at Benson, who was obliged to take to flight. The pistol did not however go off, when Collins attacked Benson with dagger under the muzzle of the pistol, and endeavored to stab him with it, but was prevented by the bystanders and the pistol taken from him. It appeared that the dog of Collins had been killed and Benson being out of order, Collins fired at Benson, who was obliged to take to flight. The pistol did not however go off, when Collins attacked Benson with dagger under the muzzle of the pistol, and endeavored to stab him with it, but was prevented by the bystanders and the pistol taken from him. 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